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THE ANNUAL season for listing taxables has again arrived, and during this month every tax payer in North Carolina must list under oath all his property that is liable to taxation. This listing of taxables is a most important matter, and yet is too often improperly done. Although the law surrounds the listing of taxables with the solemn sanction of oaths, yet too frequently these oaths are disregarded, and many men who prize themselves on their good names and church membership seem to feel no compunctions of conscience in trying to cheat the State out of all the taxes that they can. It is a sad and alarming fraility of humanity that so many persons will try to list their property greatly below its true value!

It is therefore the duty of the assessors and list-takers to be particularly diligent and careful in the discharge of their duties. They should not only be careful not to be guilty of any favoritism themselves, but they should also see to it that no tax-payer favors himself by undervaluing his property. A certain amount of taxes must be raised, and every person should be forced to pay his proportionate part. This is but right and just, and every tax payer who honestly pays his taxes is interested in compelling everybody else to pay.

Every fourth year real estate is valued, and this is one of those years, and extra assessors are appointed for that purpose. It is the duty of these assessors, in their respective townships, to ascertain the true value in money of every tract or parcel of land or other real estate, and assess the same in accordance with such valuation. The tax payer himself is not allowed to value that species of property. It must be valued by the assessors themselves, and it is their duty to ascertain its value by every means in their power. The tax payer merely swears to its quantity and describes it so that it may be identified. But with personal property it is different. The tax payer values that himself, and is furnished by the list taker with a printed form, on which he makes a statement, duly sworn to, of all his property, describing the land, and giving the value of all the personal property that he owned on the 1st day of June. Every tax payer should carefully read over this printed form, which the list taker hands him, and then fill it up correctly and accurately. The valuation of his personal property, as sworn to by the taxpayer, is not final or conclusive for or the first Monday in July, the county commissioners and the chairman of the list-takers in every township will meet for the purpose of equalizing the valuations, so that each tract or lot or article of personal property shall be entered on the tax list at its true value in money.

It is a sad commentary on our human nature that men will place such different valuations on their property when they offer it for sale, and when they list it for taxation.

PLENTY HORSES has been acquitted. The readers of the RECORD will remember that an Indian, named "Plenty Horses", was tried for murder last April by the Federal court at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the jury disagreed. Another trial was had last week, and after hearing the evidence, the judge discharged the prisoner, because the killing was an act of war, the alleged murder being the shooting of Lieut. Casey during the Indian war last winter. The evidence clearly showed that actual war was existing between the Indians and the United States troops, and therefore the judge charged the jury as follows:

"Under these circumstances the judgment of the Court is that this Jury would be compelled to find as first, that there was a condition of actual warfare existing at that time, and that Lieut. Casey was a lively engaged in operations as a member of the armed forces of the United States carrying on hostilities against the Indians. The Indians were opposed thereto. Casey went out in the performance of his duty as a member of the United States Army, to do and perform an act in furtherance of the work in which he was engaged, and met a member of the opposing forces and the result was that Lieut. Casey met his death. Suppose that the result had been different. Supposing that in reconnoitering that camp the scouts had been fired upon by the Indians and they fired back, and Lieut. Casey had killed an Indian. Under the circumstances I do not think he would have ever been brought before a Court and jury to be tried for murder. Now if that would be a protection to him we must afford the same protection we would require in this case. Under these circumstances it is the judgment of the Court that a verdict of guilty could not be sustained and therefore the jury are instructed to return a verdict of not guilty."

Against The Third Party.

The editor of the Roanoke *News*, Maj. Hall, is a prominent member of the Farmers Alliance, and in his last week's issue strongly opposed the third party, as follows:

The Alliance is well aware of the problems which confront the South, and for that reason at the Ocala meeting refused to endorse the third party movement. They realized its fatal consequences to the South because Southern men were there to present them to view and it must be remembered that the Alliance had no official connection with the Cincinnati convention, nor was it officially represented in that body. Indeed the movement has not even the sanction of the Alliance.

Whether the Alliance will eventually be drawn into this movement depends greatly upon the utterances of the two great political parties certainly upon the platforms which they make. We can see no reason for it. If the pronouncements of the Democratic party and the Alliance are read carefully it will be seen that they are in accord upon nearly every public question, and in those questions upon which the Democratic party has not spoken its declared record is in accord with the Alliance demands, though not always so stated. For instance: The Ocala platform demands government supervision of railroads; the Democratic party is on record as supporting a government railroad commission. The Ocala platform demands an increase of circulating medium by means of the sub-treasury plan; the record shows that the Democratic party is in favor of a currency adapted to the needs of the people.

In North Carolina the Democratic party has committed itself in its platform every principle it was asked to adopt by the Alliance members of the convention, and it does so with a ringing endorsement of its principles of statesmanship itself in its work.

The truth is the Democratic party is in touch with the people because it believes in the people and trusts the people, and its principles must be endorsed if the people are to govern themselves in their own way and for their own good.

The Billion Dollar Congress.

The Billion Dollar Congress spent of the people's money enough to pay the total cost of the entire war expenditure by Judge Sherman.

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Every cent of this must be raised by taxation. It must be purchased and so far as possible that must be paid.

Having danced to the Republican tune the people must pay the Republican fiddler.

Northern Settlers' Convention.

Special to the Record.

At the convention of Northern settlers held here last week, Mr. G. Z. French presided, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was made secretary. The object of the meeting was to make preliminary arrangements for the meeting of the settlers in the Exposition on the Southern Exposition Oct. 5 to 10, 1891. Resolutions were adopted declaring to the North and West the advantages of citizenship in the South, calling upon the citizens of these sections to give the Inter State Bureau cordial support, endorsing the invitation to President Harrison to attend the Exposition, declaring that there has never been a period so bright for the Southern States, and that a helping hand will be extended to all who come here to become citizens, asking for the papers from Northern, Western and Eastern States at the Exposition concerning the meeting of the Blue and Gray at the Exposition, &c.

No Third Party in Georgia.

New York, May 30.—Senator A. H. Colquitt, of Georgia, who is in town, is quoted as saying: "Whatever the decision of the Farmers Alliance Convention in Cincinnati might have been towards organizing a third party, there will be no third party in Georgia. The Alliance is strong, but it is made up of Democrats who will vote the Democratic ticket. The Alliance ideas on the tariff question are the ideas of the Democratic party. The Alliance of Georgia is in favor of the free coinage of silver, and so are the Democrats, I believe, not only in Georgia, but all through the South."

Robbing the Mail.

CINCINNATI, May 30.—Sherman Galton, postal clerk on the Big Four, running between Cincinnati and Cleveland, was arrested this morning by Inspector Hamilton, on the charge of robbing the mails. Six letters were found on him, two of which were test letters containing money. He was taken to Cleveland for trial.

JAMES H. Harris, one of the most noted Southern negro politicians, and a resident of Raleigh, died in Washington City last Monday, in his 62d year.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 29, 1891.

Mr. Harrison has at last, it is said, braced up his backbone sufficiently to inform Commissioner of Pensions Raum that he must hand in his resignation as soon as another man can be found with some political pull who is willing to take the place. Raum did the grand kick act, and has not yet consented to resign, saying that he prefers being dismissed, for he'll change his mind. They all do that way. When Tanner was asked for his resignation he swore he would never write it but he did all the same. It's easy to talk about being kicked, but when the big foot named boot is raised they all get out of the way as fast as possible.

Just as might have been expected, the alleged attempt to begin criminal proceedings against young Raum and his partners in office selling has already practically petered out, and the District attorney, a republican of course, has begun to hint about the difficulty of securing the necessary proof to convict Raum or any of his pals, and the inexpediency of bringing the case before the grand jury. It is always difficult to do that which we do not wish to do.

By the way, speaking of Pension Office matters, there was quite a large payday there this week. A man who is treasurer of a wing of money, and Commissioner Raum, the man who acknowledged under oath that he had borrowed $12,000 from the king of the pension sharks, was one of the judges. Ye gods, think of that. It was certainly the acme of absurdity. Of course the borrower was acquitted, but a victim had to be found—the fellow who got the loan for him from a Washington ten per center was found to be too loose in his views of the amount of interest that ought to be charged for accommodations, and was accordingly mentioned in disgrace from the government service. There are pows and pows of crookedness all over the Pension bureau according to the arguments of a democratic congressional investigating committee.

Secretary Proctor is [illegible] the War department several [illegible] days of his valuable time [illegible] back to Vermont to put [illegible] in looking after his private business.

It is true, as is generally believed, now, that the instructions telegraphed to the revenue cutters Rush and Bear as to the part they should take in the present sealing season in Behring Sea, are practically the same as those issued to them last season, to be placed in water. But at the same time to be very certain never to see any illegal sealing—Mr. Blaine must feel very thankful that he was not here when they were issued.

The Attorney General has gone to the rescue of the Secretary of the Treasury, in a quasi decision, by telling that the last named official has authority to issue silver certificates against the $4,000,000 silver bullion that has been accumulated by the coinage of bullion. Mr. Foster has also, it is said, arrived at the conclusion that he can issue silver certificates against the $200,000,000 in bullion and silver that he has bought unnecessarily buying for political speculation for several weeks past. These are the tactics by which the administration hopes to stave off that much dreaded deficit.

Mr Harrison must have been reminded of the Cooling Guards trouble this week when ex Senators Platt and Miller of New York, each supported by a dozen or more influential friends of the White House to engage in a fight over the appraiser-ship of the port of New York. Mr Platt succeeded in making Secretary Foster temporary referee of the contest, and he got rid of the job by promising to come over from New York and look into things before making any decision. When that decision is made, one side that gets left will jump on Mr. Harrison for satisfaction, and he will wish, as many another President has, that there were no Federal offices in New York.

Representative T. J. Campbell, of New York, who is now here, is authority for a statement that will have a very important bearing upon the Speakership contest if he is not mistaken. He says that it has been decided that the twenty three democratic votes which New York will have in the next House will be cast as a unit in the vote for Speaker. The candidate who is to receive these twenty-three votes has not been decided upon, and will not be until a conference is held—but Mr. Campbell is certain that the delegation will select the winner.

Hon. Jerry Simpson is going to make free trade speeches in Ohio in opposition to McKinley's high tariff tales.

Johnstown's Sad Anniversary.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., May 31.—Today being the second anniversary of the Johnstown flood, the people of that city were left alone with their mourning, the several thousands of visitors of yesterday having departed. Hundreds spent the entire day in Grand View Cemetery beside the graves of their dead, which had been strewn with flowers.

At 4 o'clock the fatal hour approached when two years ago the wave swept away the city. Mayor Rose announced the [illegible] and hundreds of the mourners engaged in silent prayer.

A magnificent column of flowers, sent by sympathetic strangers, was placed in the centre of the plot containing the 800 graves of unknown, unidentified dead.

One half the people that are born die before the age of sixteen.

Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin

Of the N. C. Experiment Station and State Weather Service, co-operating with the U. S. Weather Bureau, for the week ending Friday, May 29, 1891.

CENTRAL OFFICE, RALEIGH, N. C.

The reports of correspondents of the Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin issued by the N. C. Experiment Station and State Weather Service for the week ending Friday, May 29th, 1891, show that general rains have fallen over nearly the entire State except in the south eastern portion of the Eastern District from Newberne to Southport, where the drought still continues. Showers are probable in that portion today (Saturday). The area of excessive precipitation covers nearly the entire central portion of the State. During the first part of the week, while the weather was warm, the rainfall was very beneficial, but during the latter part the temperature fell rapidly, and with a north east winds, retarding growth of crops. In several counties some injury was done by hail and high winds. At Raleigh the storm of the 23d was severe enough to blow down large trees, but fortunately the hail was small and did not last long enough to do great damage. Crops were injured. Rain or snow at Linville is reported in two or three places. Though at present the effect of the rains is injurious and severe, yet a few days of warm sunshine will bring great improvement in the crop outlook. In the districts injured by last week's frost crops have been replanted and are doing well.

H. B. BATTLE, Ph. D.,
Director.

C. F. VON HERBULIS, Weather Bureau Assistant.

Train Dropped Seventy Feet.

LYNCHBURG, VA., May 31.—There was a bad wreck near here at 4 o'clock this morning on the Shenandoah Valley division of the Norfolk and Western Railroad. The Company is replacing the wooden trestle at Jerrys's Run, 300 yards north of Pleasant Run, with an iron structure, and all trains are ordered to reduce speed to four miles an hour in passing over it.

Two freight trains were running north to Hagerstown, the first loaded with live stock and the second with lumber and coke. The second train, running at twenty-five miles an hour, rushed upon the wooden bridge and into the caboose. The shock unsettled the trestle and it gave way, precipitating to the bottom of the ravine, seventy feet below, the caboose and two cars of the first train and all of the second train, an engine and twenty cars.

James F. Stockley, of Madison county, was killed, and John Reese, of Harrisburg, a brakeman, is believed to be fatally injured. The cars and trestle were smashed to splinters.

Alliance Grain Seized.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

MORGAN, N. C., May 30.—Today Inspector Terrell of the Agricultural Department seized at this place two carloads of Alliance oats illegally given out and of the tax not being paid. The same house is by the Durham Fertilizer company for the Alliance seized by the manufacturers some time during to the cars. For the load of 270 bags given received here was examined by the railroad agent and seemed to be tagged and the bags in sight were tagged. But as soon as the first bags were removed all to the back end of the car were found without the necessary tax tags. Just after the first seizure a second car came. When first examined all the bags seemed to be tagged, but when moved there were found fifty-two bags that were not tagged.

The Alliance are in no way responsible and are very indignant that the Durham Freight Company would try to evade the payment of 25 cents per tag tax.

Killed His Boarder.

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 1.—A Manchester, Tenn., special says: A. V. Carden shot and killed E. W. Villers in his (Carden's) wife's bedroom Saturday night between 10 and 11 o'clock. Villers had been boarding with Carden for some time and was considered by him to be a gentleman. In dressing the dead man for burial several curious designs were found tattooed on his body, one of the most notable being the crucifixion of Christ, which covered most of his back. He was evidently a man of many crimes, as he received mail under several names.

A Big Fee.

FROM THE NEW YORK WORLD.

The largest fee ever received for professional services in the United States was paid last week when a check was made out for $260,000 to William Nelson Cromwell, of this city. He had acted as assignee of Decker, Howell & Co., the bankers and brokers who suspended payment during the panic in Wall street last November, and, as said Judge Lawrence in the Supreme Court has confirmed the report of the referee who passed upon the accounts and stated that Mr. Cromwell was entitled to that sum.

Mr. Cromwell earned this $260,000 in six weeks. That was at the rate of $43,333.33⅓ a week, or $7,222.16 a day for six working days to the week, and the reasonable part of the whole transaction is that the people who paid him the money think that he underestimated the value of his services and go out of their way to buy him a valuable silver service worth a small fortune in itself!

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other. This is about seven hundred miles a second.

Gored by a Bull.

MILLVILLE, N. J. May 31.—Two farm hands—Godfrey Slumer and Hiram Lively—had a desperate fight with an enraged bull in a meadow below this city yesterday afternoon. The encounter was witnessed by scores of people on the opposite side of the river who were unable to render the men any assistance.

Slumer, armed with a small stick, went alone to drive the bull out of the meadow into a cage in which he is kept at night. The bull, which has the reputation of being one of the most vicious in the county, snorted defiance and pawed the ground with rage as Slumer approached him. No sooner had Slumer struck the bull a strong lick with the stick on his side than the animal wheel quickly around and left for Slumer. Slumer had a chance to run, caught him on his horns and tossed him in the air. When the unfortunate man struck the ground the bull rushed upon him and trampled him with his hoofs and struck him with his horns in every part of the body.

Lively, seeing Slumer's peril, ran to his aid with a heavy club, whereupon the animal turned upon the newcomer, knocked him down and ripped one of his horns into Lively's leg, just below the hip, and injured him in other parts of the body. Both men were rendered insensible when help arrived and the bull was killed.

Slumer sustained severe internal injuries and is fatally hurt. Lively's injuries are not considered serious.

Murder at Asheville.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 31.—James Daugherty and William Torrence had been drinking and together had been riding late last night on a horse or more a horse belonging to Daugherty's brother.

Robert Daugherty, another brother, became enraged at the young men, picked up a heavy stick of wood, followed them over long them on the bridge over French Broad Creek. Robert struck Torrence, who was riding behind, on the head crushing his skull and killing him instantly. He passed the unfortunate man struck the horse, knocking down the horse.

The wounded man crawled to a store at the end of the bridge, where he was found an hour later and taken to his home in a dying condition.

The attack was unprovoked, as the men had not spoken to the murderer during the entire night. Alcohol seems to have had something to do with the attack.

The murderer went home, bade several friends good-by, and has not been heard from since.

Gen. Leach Dead.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS AND OBSERVER.

LEXINGTON, N. C., June 1.—Gen. J. M. Leach died here this morning, at about 6 o'clock. His death was not unexpected yet it created quite a shock in the community when it was known. Gen. Leach was about 80 years old and has been through with the politics of the state for half a century at least, having been a member of the National Congress of the U. S. for four terms, and was also in the Confederate Congress. He represented his county in the State legislature, besides holding many other offices of public trust.

Gen. Leach was born in Randolph county, N. C., and in the county he has spent a long and honorable life. He was a man of great energy and perseverance, has made himself heard in the councils of the nation. He leaves a wife and one son, J. M. Leach, Jr. This is the only living child he has. He will be buried at Reposeville church, Randolph, his native county, near Lambsburg, his old homestead.

One Suit for Six.

Writing in the Century for June Dr. C. F. Gill portrayes this incident of a Sunday in Colorado, California:

A group of half a dozen ladies especially attracted my attention. They were strutting about in all the glory of newly acquired hat ribbons, but with this distinction—that one suit of clothes was sufficient to dress the whole crowd. The largest and best looking Indian had appropriated the hat and boots, and without other apparel walked about as proudly as any city clerk. Another was lost in an immense pair of pantaloons. A third sported nothing but a white shirt with ruffled bosom. A fourth flaunted a long, swallow-tailed coat, bespangled with immense brass buttons. A fifth was decked with a fleshy vest while the sixth had nothing but a red bandana, which was carefully wrapped around his neck. Thus what would scarcely serve one white man just as effectually accommodated six Indians.

Suit For a Town.

ROANOKE, N. C., May 29.—Judgment has been rendered in the superior court at Newberne in favor of James A. Bryan, plaintiff, for the recovery of James City, a village of 1,000 negroes across the Trent River from Newberne. The negroes were settled on Bryan's land by Federal authority in 1862, and have held possession ever since. The suit has been pending ten years. It is said Bryan will offer amicable terms of settlement and let the present population continue their occupation.

Superintendent Fergus states that the cost of the clocks in the city of Chicago drinks prescribed by the Lentz ordinance will be very small, only about fifty cents, instead of $2 as at first reported.

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